

A NEW ORGANIZATION.

"National Federation of Civic Rights"—Its Object to Prevent Mob Violence—Bishop Clinton one of the Prime Movers.

Editor Colored American:—I enclose articles of incorporation of the "National Federation of Civic Rights." This organization is the out growth of the favorable reception by the press and race of the article written by Judge Stotsenburg and published in the Freeman.

The Judge was so gratified at the appreciation shown, that he was induced to put in tangible form—his ideas as how to prevent Mob Violence; he therefore drafted the inclosed articles, based on the plan of the now largest organization in the world The American Federation of Labor—which had an humble beginning in New Albany over Judge Stotsenburg's office, in 1881. It now has 9494, local unions, and a total membership of over 1,250,000, a body of men united for the single purpose of advancing the cause of labor, and yet taking no political action. It has so influenced legislation as to secure the passage of many laws which have greatly improved the condition of the American workmen in wages, comfort and independence. It is supported by a small tax on affiliated organizations. Its receipts last year being \$71,000. It is possible for this organization, to have even a larger membership for the local federations which will be formed throughout the country are not restricted by either race or sex; but all men and women over 18 years of age are to be admitted, therefore, a small per capita tax will make a large aggregated sum fully enough to effectively accomplish all we desire.

In formulating his plans, Judge Stotsenburg had associated with him, Judge Cardwill, who is equally interested in the work, and who did quite as much in perfecting the organization and giving it a legal status. When finished, it was their desire that members of the race alone effect the organization, but Bishop George W. Clinton and all Negroes present thought it best for us that both Judges remain on account of their very high standing, and also because each of them is of a different party affiliation. With their aid, our cause would be much stronger—for it would command the respect of all classes of persons—irrespective of party, neither would our motives so likely be impugned, nor would it be considered a political machine to further the interest of any one for political preferment, as is unfortunately too often the case with so many similar organizations. After much persuasion, both Judges consented to serve. They are actuated by the same motives to help as that prompted Judge Tourgee to openly espouse our cause, and they will be as active and fearless as was he. If we now hold up their hands, and follow in their lead, it is safe to say that we will soon see the beginning of the end of Mob Violence, and the dawn of a new era for the Negro of this republic. The first board of directors are as representative as was possible to obtain at the time, both races, both political parties, and both the great religious denominations as well as the learned professors are represented. The idea kept in mind was to make it broad, and a federation in its fullest sense, so that all races creeds and societies could become allied in one united federation.

The Negro does not yet fully realize his strength; he can only do so by uniting, then he will be feared and respected. The motto adopted "ego sum homo," I Am a Man is symbolic of true manhood and it should inspire every Negro to put forth his best efforts to fully realize that condition.

The following officers were elected: Judge J. H. Stotsenburg, president, New Albany, Ind.; Bishop G. W. Clinton, A. M. D. D., vice-president, Charlotte, N. C.; Judge G. B. Cardwill, treasurer, New Albany, Ind.; Rev. T. H. Tipton, D. D., national organizer, Philadelphia, Pa.; W. O. Vance, corresponding secretary, New Albany, Ind.; Dr. B. F. Porter, recording secretary, Louisville, Ky. Executive committee: William H. Steward, Editor American Baptist, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. S. C. Manuel, New Albany, Ind.; Mr. W. A. Burney, Dean Louisville National Medical College. The plan is so formulated as to embrace all Negro organizations of a similar character in a National Federation to work together as one powerful body.

All persons or organizations in sympathy with this movement and who may desire to form local federated alliances can obtain full particulars by addressing any officer of the Federation.

W. O. VANCE,

New Albany, Ind.

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Messrs. John Temple and J. A. Jackson of Washington, who are spending the summer at the Branch, visited up at Red Bank, Sunday and Monday. They report quite a pleasant trip.

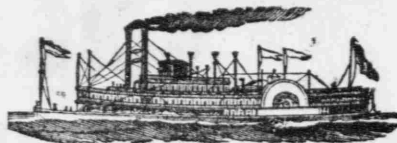
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